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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

- Thank you to all the Menands residents who came out and voted in the recent Town of Colonie elections. Participation for Menands was higher than usual. Your voice, your vote.
- South End water and sewer work continues to move ahead. We have encountered some bumps along the way, but our DPW is working with the contractor to minimize disruptions. Reminder to see progress updates at the bottom of the project webpage: <https://menandsny.gov/southendproject/>
- The government shutdown is over...for now. It was amazing to see all the generosity come forward to help those in need during the month of uncertainty.
- NSH USA is putting the final touches on its building expansion at 47 Broadway. It is a beautiful addition to our Broadway corridor. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for Spring 2026.
- The Village of Menands is working with the US EPA to ensure our water system, in conjunction with individual property owners, is replacing known existing lead water lines to ensure the health of our residents. The project is called "Get-the-Lead-Out" (GLO for short). You will receive some information on this initiative very soon.



COMING SOON: A NEW LOOK FOR THE VILLAGE OF MENANDS WEBSITE!

Starting in early January, the Village of Menands website will undergo a fresh new look, more straightforward navigation, improved accessibility, and faster content updates.

We are excited to bring you a better online experience!



NEW FEE FOR MANUAL WATER METER READINGS

To keep our water billing system efficient and accurate, the Village of Menands recently upgraded to radio-read water meters in all residential homes. These meters enable automatic reading collection - saving time and enhancing accuracy.

During the November 3, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting, the Board approved a \$50.00 fee per read for properties that still require a manual water meter reading.

If your home or business does not yet have a radio-read meter installed, this fee will be included in your July 2026 water bill. If you have questions about your meter or the installation process, please get in touch with the Village Clerk's Office for assistance.

DPW NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE

According to the Village Code, trash must be out for collection by 7:00 AM. If your trash is placed out after the truck has passed, it will not be collected, and you will need to wait until the next scheduled trash day. Trash **MUST** be in an appropriate barrel or bin. Loose plastic bags are **NOT** acceptable and may result in a Code Violation.

Cardboard should be placed at the curb on **RECYCLING Day** (Thursday).

If snow is predicted, please make every effort to keep your vehicles off the road. If a snow emergency is declared, you will be notified through the Menands Notification System.

If you are not currently enrolled in the Menands Notification System, please visit the Village of Menands website to sign up or call the Village Office at (518) 434-2922 for assistance.



MENANDS SENIORS

Our Menands Seniors is open to individuals 55 years and up and costs \$5.00 to join. It is a warm and welcoming community of members. Our Seniors offers exercise classes, parties, picnics, activities such as bingo, trips, and much more. For more information, please feel free to call Diane Leonard at 518-527-1504 or stop by the Menands Village Office to pick up an application.

HANUKKAH BRUNCH

To celebrate Hanukkah, Rabbi Rubin and the Village of Menands will host a brunch on December 21st at NOON at the Menands Fire Company Hall – 250 Broadway – 2nd Floor.

Please join us for a festive celebration featuring light fare and singing.

ANNUAL SANTA TOUR

The Menands Fire Company will make its annual Holiday Tour through the Village on Saturday, December 20th, starting at 9 am in the North End (Harts, Louis, Glenwood). They will head to Sage Ct and Sage Hill, then to Park Dr and Sky Hollow, then to the South End, ending in the streets of the center Village. Check out progress live on the Menands Fire Department FB page on that day.

Santa (and his nemesis) will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Menands Annual Holiday Toy Drive in conjunction with Toys for Tots. We are also collecting toys at 250 & 280 Broadway Village buildings.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police, Fire, and EMS	911
Menands Police Non- Emergency	518 463-1681
Menands Fire Department	518 463-9494
Menands DPW	518 434-2922
Menands Village Office	518 434-2922
Menands Building/Code Enforcement	518 434-2922
Menands School	518 465-4561
Menands Public Library	518 463-4035
Town of Colonie	518 783-2700
Colonie Supervisor	518 783-2778
Colonie Town Clerk	518 783-2734
Colonie Assessor	518 783-2701
Colonie Community Development	518 783-2718
Colonie Senior Resources	518 459-5051
Colonie Historian	518 782-2601
Colonie Police, Fire, and EMS	518 783-2711
Colonie Animal Control	518 783-2711
Colonie Landfill	518 783-2827
Colonie Tax Department	518 783-2730
Albany County	518 447-7000
Albany County Board of Elections	518 487-5060
Albany County Clerk	518 487-5100
National Grid	800 642-4272
Spectrum Cable/Internet	518 869-5500
Poison control	800 222-1222
St Peters ER	518-525-1324
Albany Med ER	518 262-3131
Memorial ER	518 471-3221
Samaritan ER	518 271-3300



MENANDS SCHOOL STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

When Makayla Levin noticed other people were unhappy on the school bus, she Jumped Into Action. The Menands Union Free School District (NY) seventh grader gathered her peers, worked with them to identify the issues, and is now creating change. Makayla's nominator said, "She has a vision and is taking steps. She's getting others on her bus to help her steer it where she wants to go. She has taken her vision and has the focus to see it through." Makayla also participates in Sweethearts & Heroes' BRAVE Youth Leadership System at school and has been an exceptional leader for her peers and younger students. "She recently had a circle with a new student that was struggling and showed a tremendous amount of empathy and kindness," her nominator said. "She has advocated for her class to gain more opportunities and has encouraged classmates to be thoughtful of the whole community." Step into the Student Spotlight, Makayla Levin! You deserve it!

Other Menands School Brave Leaders:

8th graders- Mohammad, Jesai, Alaa
7th- Makayla, Izadeyae, Reef, Sadeed, Ah'Xyla
6th- Dream, Isaac, Aniah, Juan Diego, Kaunain, Astrid
5th- Marius, Marium



**SCHOOL
CALENDAR**



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DECEMBER 2025

MENANDS ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	02 REGULAR TRASH 6:30pm Library Exploring the Shelter 7pm Fire Company Meeting	03 SPECIAL PICK UP	04 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	05 LEAF / BRUSH Parent's Night out K-5	06 Humane Ed Felt Animal Workshop
07	08 REGULAR TRASH 6:30pm School Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	09 REGULAR TRASH Seniors Trip Holiday Sights and Sounds	10 SPECIAL PICK UP Seniors Trip Holiday Sights and Sounds 6:30pm Auxiliary Meeting	11 RECYCLING Seniors Trip Holiday Sights and Sounds 9am Seniors	12 LEAF / BRUSH	13 11am Christmas with the Farmers
14 Hannukah Begins at Sundown	15 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	16 REGULAR TRASH	17 SPECIAL PICK UP	18 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	19 LEAF / BRUSH PTA Staff Appreciation	20
21	22 REGULAR TRASH No School Winter Break Hannukah Ends at Sundown 6:30pm Library Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	23 REGULAR TRASH No School Winter Break	24 RECYCLING No School Winter Break Christmas Eve Village Closes 2pm	25 RECYCLING No School Winter Break Christmas Day Village Closed	26 LEAF / BRUSH No School Winter Break Kwanza Begins at Sundown	27
28	29 REGULAR TRASH No School Winter Break 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	30 REGULAR TRASH No School Winter Break	31 RECYCLING No School Winter Break New Year Eve Village Closes 2pm			